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CHILE: President Allende will get the dialogue he has been seeking with the opposition, but this alone will not get him off the hook.

Christian Democratic Party President Aylwin is slated to meet with Allende this morning.

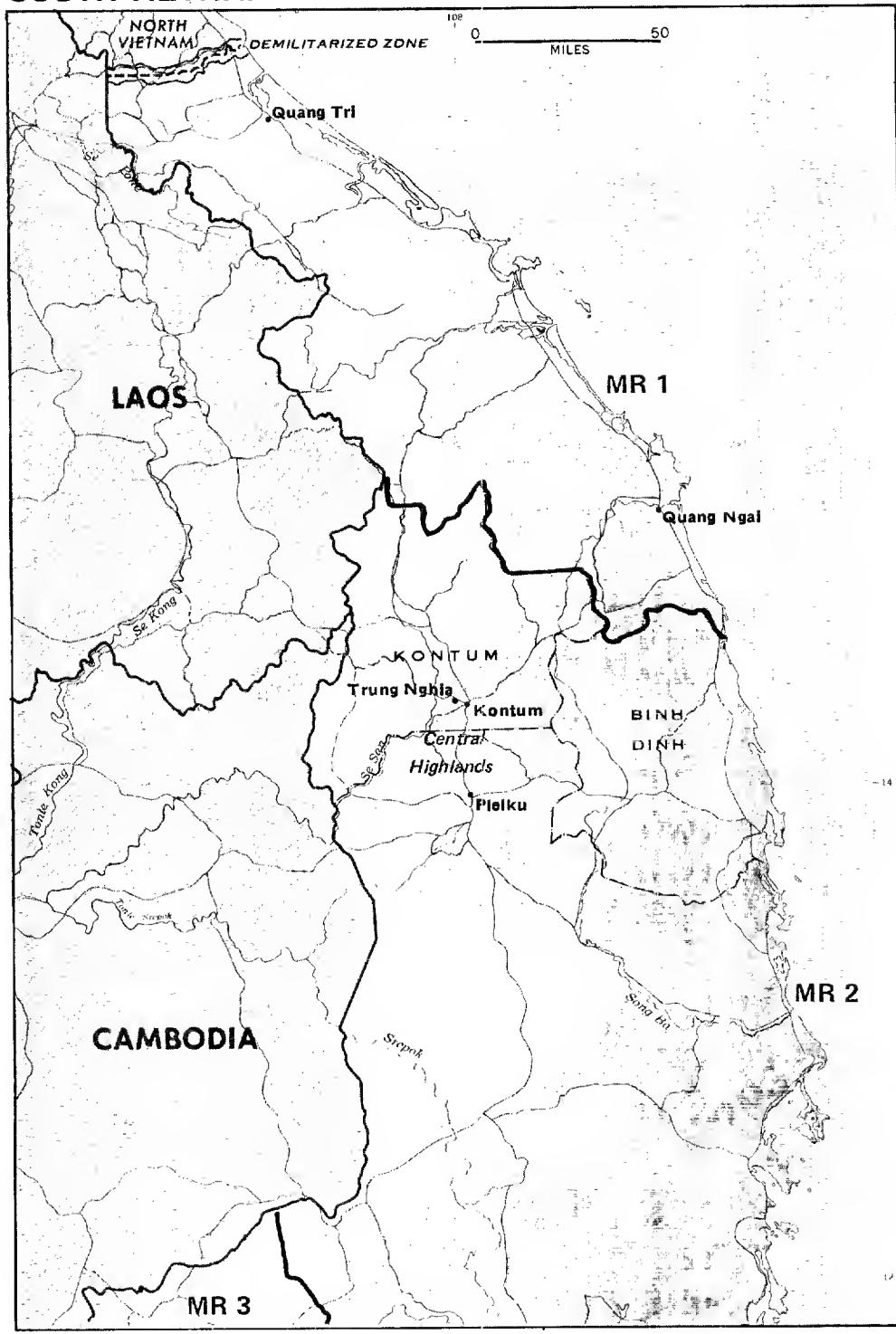
Allende may also come under increased pressure from private groups and from some sectors of the military to invite the armed forces back into the cabinet.

Sporadic outbursts of violence and acts of sabotage continued over the weekend, most of them associated with the truckers' strike. Public works and railroad professional workers were due to begin a 48-hour strike this morning.

[redacted] bus owners in Valparaiso have joined the truck owners' walkout. Extremists of the right and left have denied involvement in the assassination of Allende's military aide.

Allende is anxious to ease tensions, but he must get his Socialist and Communist supporters to go along with any terms for a political truce. There are indications that the Communists may be retreating from their recently adopted intransigence, but a compromise now would subject Allende to the wrath of the Socialists and could strain the Popular Unity coalition. Allende may be willing to run this risk, however, in order to head off the possibility that a deteriorating situation would provoke military action against him.

SOUTH VIETNAM



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SOUTH VIETNAM: The South Vietnamese may undertake a major counteroffensive in the central highlands.

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Major General Toan, the commander of Military Region 2, is considering moving the 22nd Division to Kontum Province in an attempt to drive the Communists out of positions near the provincial capital. Toan reportedly has lost faith in the ability of the 23rd Division to retake the village of Trung Nghia, which the Communists captured on 9 June. In the heavy fighting over the past seven weeks, government troops have taken many casualties, but have made little progress. The fighting appears to have developed into a test of wills of the two sides.

Toan believes that by reinforcing the 23rd with the more aggressive 22nd Division, the South Vietnamese will be able to overpower the Communists and push them out of the village. One regiment of the 22nd has already seen action in Kontum; the division's other three regiments have remained in Binh Dinh Province.

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CYPRUS: Terrorist acts, including the kidnapping of a cabinet minister and numerous bombings around the island, have added new tensions to the struggle between Archbishop Makarios and his rival, George Grivas. Makarios recently has strengthened his security forces, rounded up scores of Grivas' adherents, and restricted the pro-Grivas press. Makarios blames Grivas directly for the kidnaping and vows he will end the terrorism. Even though Grivas' health reportedly is failing and his supporters are heavily outnumbered by Makarios' forces, Grivas is determined to continue to oppose the Archbishop.

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LAOS: Lao Communist officials on 28 July contacted representatives of the International Control Commission in Vientiane, as well as the Soviet and British ambassadors, to inform them that all outstanding issues in the negotiations had been resolved and that the Communists believed a final agreement would be signed within the week. The officials confirmed earlier reports that the agreement calls for two deputy prime ministers--one Communist and one rightist--and that members of the present government would retain control of the ministries of interior and defense. The agreement also stipulates that Pathet Lao security troops--less than half the number the Communists originally demanded--would be stationed in Vientiane and the royal capital of Luang Prabang.

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Greece: The government claims that Greeks gave a landslide approval to George Papadopoulos' plan to establish himself as president of a new republic in yesterday's plebiscite. The present deputy prime minister, Stylianos Pattakos, went on national television and implied that a sweeping victory was at hand. Prominent opposition figures have already declared that the results of the plebiscite are fraudulent and contrary to the will of the people.

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